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In regard to the patent application of Ervin K. VanDenberg entitled LIFT AXLE SUSPENSION SYSTEM UTILIZING DIAPHRAGM CHAMBERS being filed concurrently herewith, the attached Form PTO-1449 is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 and 37 CFR 1.97 through 1.99.

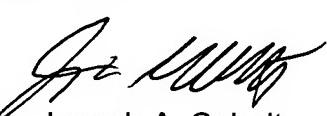
The patents listed on Form PTO-1449 (copies of which are enclosed) were located during a patent search conducted at the Patent and Trademark Office and are believed to be the closest prior art known by applicant and the undersigned attorney with respect to the above application.

The cited patents are pertinent in that they pertain generally to lift axle suspension systems as is further explained in the Background Information section of the application.

However, the prior art set forth on Form PTO-1449 should not be construed as a representation that no better art exists, or that the information included therein is non-cumulative.

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